

To: Federal Communications Commission
From: Dighton USD 482
Re: CC Docket No. 02-06

Date: September 17, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Dighton USD 482 strongly encourages the FCC to include content filtering, anti-virus, and anti-spam as eligible services under the E-rate program in its next funding year.

As content filtering is 1) a requirement to receive E-rate funds, and 2) a priority, end-point requirement for student and staff safety at all levels of Internet operation, we believe that filtering solutions should be considered Priority 1 eligible. Further, because content filtering is part of the technology infrastructure, how it is deployed, via network appliance or stand-alone software, should not affect its eligibility.

Anti-spam products function as an extension of content filtering by eliminating inappropriate content from student and staff inboxes.

Finally, virus protection helps maximize Internet uptime—the universal service for which E-rate was formed.

Together, these basic infrastructure service components keep the Internet both safe and accessible for our schools. Thank you for considering their E-rate eligibility.

Sincerely,
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